granted a new certificate of authority, by filing with the Secretary of State the most current annual report required by this section."

Sec. 3. Section 2 of this act is effective upon ratification and expires July 1, 1994. The remainder of this act becomes effective October 1, 1993.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the

28th day of June, 1993.

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CHAPTER 219

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE LIMIT ON CASH PRIZES FOR RAFFLES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-309.15(d) reads as rewritten:

- "(d) The maximum cash prize that may be offered or paid for any one raffle is one five thousand dollars (\$1,000) (\$5,000) and if merchandise is used as a prize, and it is not redeemable for cash, the maximum fair market value of that prize may be twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). No real property may be offered as a prize in a raffle."
- Sec. 2. For the purposes of this act government entities within the State of North Carolina shall be considered nonprofit as defined in G.S. 105-130.11(a).

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of June, 1993.

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CHAPTER 220

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE BEAR HUNTING SEASON IN PASQUOTANK AND CAMDEN COUNTIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the season for hunting black bear shall run from two days prior to the date established by the Wildlife Resources Commission as the start of bear season until the date established by the Wildlife Resources Commission as the end of bear season.

Sec. 2. This act applies only to Pasquotank and Camden

counties.

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of June, 1993.